Melba Returns and Triumphs Anew As Mimi in "La Boheme" at Manhaitan

One of the Best Performances Ever Given Here of Puccini's Opera — A Splendid Cast of Men Singers.

BY SYLVESTER RAWLING. T was the first act of "La Boheme" at the Manhattan Opera-House last night. The poet, the painter, the musician and the philosopher, cold and hungry, had ended a frolic in the attic had gone home when there was a knock upon the door and Mimi, the singing cirl, impersonated by Nellie Melba, en-tered in search of a light. The great audience, which had waited for just this moment, burst into applause that no sense of propriety could suppress, and so the Australian prima donna, long a vorite in this city, who was the first bring to Mr. Hammerstein's Temple

Music in Thirty-fourth street the onable supporters of opera which ed the lump of music lovers that tracted from the beginning, came nore into her kingdom. e interruption was spontaneous, the

oute genuine, and it was not long was not the voice of old.

ore the diva had demonstrated that Van Niessen-Stone was Flora, and was worthy of it. Her voice seems Spetrino conducted. o have lost nothing of its freshness or its power. Save for the moment off the stage at the end of the first act it was true to pitch, full of color, round and She has lost weight and is Younger and lovelier looking than ever. Her dramatic sense has improved. In each of the four acts of Puccini's open she was natural and convincing. She acted with sense and spontaneity.

been given in New York. The cast of stello as Rodolfo, who fairly excelled himself. His powerful and beautiful voice, which sometimes he orces distressingly, he held in complete subjugation. His singing last night placed him in the very front rank of tenors. Gill bert, as Schaunard, was delightful. His hubbling good nature had an investigation.

A news item from Paris informs us that the American method of producing a slim, bubbling good nature had an irresistible

thing," was thoroughly competent. who was Musetta, while she overdressed

and perhaps overaccentuated the part, her singing was so good and her infectious personality was so permeating that everything had to be forgiven her and everybody rejoiced that she was in the cast. The chorus in the street scene was full of life and sang admirably. Street Scene Well Set.

Mr. Hammerstein is to be congratulated on his new setting of this second ! act. It looks real and out of doors, and the roofs are no longer covered with snow, as they were two years ago when h first put on "La Boheme." He was no so happy in the attic scene, where th door sometimes would open either in c

out, and sometimes wouldn't open at al Campanini exploited all the riches of the score, but more than once permitted the orchestra to drown the singers. The audience was enthusiastic from the beginning. There were numerous cu

tain calls after each act for all the principal singers. After the second act there was an unmistakable demand for Campanini, and always there were special tributes paid to Melba. The prima donna was generous and forced Zenatell to share all the honors with her. He val fantly tried to leave her alone on the stage to receive the plaudits, but she would not permit him. And Melba was right. Zenatello never was so deserving of recognition as he was last night.

"LA TRAVIATA" AGAIN WITH SEMBRICH AND CARUSO.

"La Traviata," for the third time this season, was the opera at the Metropolitan Opera-House last night, and it proved just as effective as ever with a very large audience. And why not? With Sembrich and Caruso singing it mattered little what opera they inter-

Caruso was in exceptionally good voice. Bonci was on the programme for the part of Alfredo, and the Caruso worshippers were much astonished when they recognized his familiar fig-

There was a pathetic note to th

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acoustics doesn't seem to work on the span over Blackwell's Island.

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performance for those who so long have admired Campanari. He sang the part of the elder Germont with the artistry of

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trim figure is meeting with astonishing suceffect upon the audience. Sammarco, if cess. This system, which has made such a The missed something in the polynant ex- wonderful impression over there, must be position of Marcel's jealousy, sang glo- the Marmola Prescription Tablet method of riously and was as jolly as his fellows. reducing fat. It is safe to say that we De Segurola's conception of Colline was have nothing better for this purpose in not conventional, but it was distinctive, this country. Anything that will reduce and he helped greatly to make the pic- the excess flesh a pound a day without ture perfect. Gianoli-Galletti as Benoit, injury to the stomach, the causing of the landlord, and Alcindoro, the "good wrinkles, the help of exercising or dieting, the landlord, and Alcindoro, the "good thing," was thoroughly competent.

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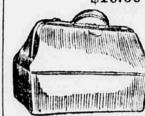
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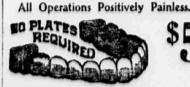
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